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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: FRANCO-ALGERIAN TENSIONS

REF: ALGIERS 1773; PARIS 20739

1. FRENCH HAD VERY DIFFICULT TIME LAST WEEK OVER ISSUE OF BORZANI KRADAOUI REPORTED REFTELS. FRENCH AMBASSADOR, DE COMMINES, WHO SUMMONED TO FOREIGN MINISTRY AND TICKED OFF BY ALGERIANS, BEARING UP WELL BUT HE AND HIS STAFF HAVE BEEN UNDER CONSIDERABLE STRAIN. COMMENTING ON VIRULENT LOCAL PRESS REACTION, DE COMMINES SAYS ALGERIANS HAVE SHOWN THEMSELVES VERY SENSITIVE TO UNFAVORABLE TREATMENT THEY HAVE RECEIVED IN FRENCH PRESS AND RADIO AS RESULT THIS INCIDENT. THEY REACTING ACCORDINGLY.

2. DE COMMINES NOTES THAT CHILD IN QUESTION ACTUALLY SPENT WAITING PERIOD COMFORTABLY AT HIS GRANDPARENTS IN ORAN, WHILE HIS MOTHER APPRENTLY SPENT HER DAYS ON THE BEACH. INCIDENT NOT ALL THAT HARROWING FOR VICTIMS. FRENCH EMBOFFS REPORT, HOWEVER, THAT ALGERIAN CLAIMS OF BUREAUCRATIC SNAG WERE UNTRUE AND THAT GOA WAS BEING BEATLY TO THE HARKI IN QUESTION AS A MATTER OF POLICY. THEY SAY THERE ARE FREQUENT CASES OF THIS SORT, FEW OF WHICH EVER ATTRACT ANY NOTICE.

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3. AS SEEN FROM THIS OPTIC, PONIATOWSKI'S TACTIC OF SENDING

OFFICER OF FRENCH CORPS OF PREFECTS UNLIKELY TO HAVE CUT MUCH
ICE LOCALLY. CHILD RELEASED BECAUSE ALGERIANS SENSITIVE TO
WORLD OPINION AND CONCERNED ABOUT FATE OF ALGERIANS IN FRANCE.
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